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Less is More

Becoming a published author = Great!

Holding a book signing = Exciting!

Seeing less of yourself and more of the Lord in your work = Priceless!

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Director's Chair

Christmas isn't that far away! I know, most of us are thinking about another school year, Homecoming, and kids' soccer games. But, won't you join me in thinking about Christmas for just the length of this editorial?

Each year, the Stevens Student Center (the hub of student activity on campus) is filled with Christmas trees decorated by student organizations and groups. I think it's time that the CU Alumni Association is represented by having a decorated tree!

Students sometimes think of alumni as this nebulous group of old people who invade campus once a year at Homecoming and give money for new buildings. What they don't realize is that alumni live in 50 states and 60 foreign countries, represent a myriad of interesting careers, and invest their energy in any number of activities ... including Cedarville.

Would you help our students get to know alumni as individuals by sending a Christmas ornament for our tree? The ornament can represent where you live, what you do, or activities you enjoy. We'll place the ornament on the alumni tree, including your name, class year, and what the ornament represents. *(Please note: we cannot return ornaments.)*

Please send your ornament to the following address by November 15:

Alumni Relations

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251 N. Main St.

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Thanks for helping us celebrate Christmas on campus!

Faith Linn '83

Faith Linn '83

Director of Alumni Relations

*Merry
Christmas!*





The following is just a sampling of CU events on the road.
Visit www.cedarville.edu and select "Calendar" for more events and information.

October 15
HeartSong
Indianapolis, Indiana

October 29
HeartSong
Bowling Green, Ohio

November 11
Men's Basketball
Lynchburg, Virginia

December 28-29
Women's Basketball
Lake Wales, Florida

October 19
Brass Choir
Oakland, Maryland

November 2
Alumni Event
with Dr. Bill Brown
Toronto, Canada

November 17
Alumni Event
with Dr. Bill Brown
Boston, Massachusetts

February 17
National Religious
Broadcasters Convention
Alumni Dessert Reception
with Dr. Paul Dixon
Orlando, Florida

October 28-29
Lifeline Players
Cambridge City, Indiana

November 10-12
The Master's Puppets
Cleveland, Ohio

December 1-2
Women's Basketball
Georgetown, Kentucky

April 16
Alumni Chapter Event
Miami Valley, Ohio

Note: BOLD dates indicate alumni relations events.
Find more information about these events at www.cedarville.edu/alumni.

Friends for Life Corner

While living on The Hill in 1995, Jim Rowley '96, Elliott Gilham '97, Paul DeKruyter '98, Jon Woolley '97, and Brad Mooney '95 formed a friendship that has lasted for more than a decade. The men call themselves the "Chilldogs" after their Cedarville intramural softball team that failed to win a game in three years and may not have even scored a run. They have also been known as the "Crazy Eights" since they hailed from Carr 8. This year the men came from Akron, Ohio; Springfield, Illinois; Holland, Michigan; and even Las Vegas, Nevada to meet in Columbus, Ohio for their yearly reunion. These reunions now include their wives (Emily Hodel Rowley '97, Sara Howell Gilham '97, Krissy Brown DeKruyter '97, Julie Woolley, and Jennifer Habegger Mooney '96) as well as eight kids under the age of four.



Send your Friends for Life pictures and stories to alumni@cedarville.edu.

President's Pen

The Write Staff

God has a staff of writers. I don't mean Moses, David, Paul, and whoever wrote Hebrews. Those writers were guided by the Spirit for a special and unique work in recording God's truth in the Scriptures.

I am talking about those whom God uses to communicate to today's generation through articles, books, novels, dramas, and screenplays. This also includes those who write missionary updates, blogs, and letters. All forms of written communication can be used by God to tell stories, make us think, and change lives.

The amount of written material available to us has unbelievably increased over the past two decades. The Internet is the major reason for the growth. In fact, each year five exabytes of information is written and recorded. If it were published in book form, the volumes would fill 37,000 Libraries of Congress — each year!

Unfortunately, while the quantity of written material has increased, the quality has gone the other way. For most of human history, the only way to preserve information or communicate across long distances was to write letters. Most letters were long and filled with detail, emotion, and striking prose. Take this example of one sentence from Civil War soldier Sullivan Ballou who wrote in the summer of 1861 to his young wife before entering into battle:

Sarah, my love for you is deathless, it seems to bind me to you with mighty cables that nothing but Omnipotence could break; and yet my love of Country comes over me like a strong wind and bears me irresistibly on with all these chains to the battlefield.

What was once commonplace writing is rare today, even from professionals.

In today's world there are two times when we have to communicate: when we have to say something and when we have something to say. I am grateful that at Cedarville University we challenge young Christians to write well and communicate deeply. It is one thing to write, but it is quite another to have substance and communicate God's truth creatively and persuasively.

I know you will enjoy this issue of *Inspire* and trust that you are encouraged by the way God continues to use Cedarville to make a difference for Christ. Maybe you have a gift for communicating that you have not developed yet. God is always ready to increase His staff of writers. Go for it!



Dr. Bill Brown
President



Unexpected Reunions!



Cedarville University alumni find each other all over the world! Several Cedarville alumni were together in Malumghat, Bangladesh in May of this year: (L to R) Nancy Kettell Brunori '65, Kathy Jones '94, Dr. Heather Fowler '90, Joyce Rudduck '66, and Ruth Yocom '80. Joyce, Ruth, and Heather are all missionaries in Bangladesh while Kathy is a short-term missionary. Nancy was visiting with her husband, Dominick, a construction company owner.

Have you randomly encountered someone you knew from Cedarville? If so, send your Unexpected Reunion pictures and stories to alumni@cedarville.edu.

Attention, Sport Industry Alums!

In 2003, Cedarville University began offering a Bachelor of Arts degree in sport management. As noted in the CU Catalog, this major prepares graduates to pursue career opportunities across the wide spectrum of sport. If you are currently working in the sport industry and you would be interested in partnering with us as we develop this program, please contact Dr. Alan Geist '83 at 937-766-4143 or geista@cedarville.edu. Your involvement may include accepting students as interns, being available to offer advice, coming to campus to speak in classes, or other possible opportunities.



OPEN LETTER TO ALUMNI IN GARB CHURCHES

The recent decision by the messengers to the National Conference marks a new era in Cedarville's relationship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches. We value the many years of formal partnership with the GARBC and appreciate the rich heritage of relationships built with GARBC churches, pastors, and families. We are committed to fostering and building on those relationships as we move ahead.

Any change can create uncertainty, and we want to be an "open book" to you and your church family in providing information and answering questions.

The following resources may be helpful to you:

- Doctrinal statement: www.cedarville.edu/doctrinalstatement
- Information regarding Cedarville's friendship with the SBC: www.cedarville.edu/garbcfaq

We also invite you to come back to campus — attend chapel, sit in on classes, talk with our students, and experience what God is doing here. If a conversation with an administrator would be helpful, we are glad to make those arrangements as well. Contact our church and school relations staff at 1-866-CEDARVILLE (233-2784) to schedule a visit.

We will pray that God will grant your church and the GARBC favor and open doors for ministry. Pray for us, as well, as we engage our world with the heart and mind of Christ.

Blessings always in Christ,

Dr. Bill Brown
President

What's Abuzz

Off to Kyrgyzstan

Dr. Andrew Wiseman, assistant professor of Spanish and director of travel studies, has been selected as a Senior Fellow for the U.S. State Department. He will be based at the U.S. Embassy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan for the 2006-2007 academic year.



Clothing for the Community

Beth Maxie Dillon '99, CU's recycling coordinator, orchestrated a student clothing and furniture drive in the spring and was looking for someone in need of the donations. When CU's Dr. Jim Phipps '68 and Cathy Hallam learned of Beth's dilemma, they knew they had a winning solution. The result: 270 bags of clothing, as well as microwaves and other houseware items, made it into the hands of needy Greene County families.

New Faculty

Cedarville University welcomed six new faculty this fall, including Donald Humphreys '89, who is director of the Center for Teaching and Learning and associate professor of technical and professional communication.

Cedarville's Man of Steel

Cedarville trustee Daryle Doden, who founded and leads one of the largest independent rebar fabricators in the country, has

been named the University's 2006-07 Department of Business Administration Executive-in-Residence.

Fall Bible Conference

As guest speaker for the 2006 Fall Bible Conference, Dr. Voddie Baucham Jr. made articulate and stirring presentations on a number of topics, including biblical leadership in the church, as well as how and why believers should contend for the faith.



White House Interns

The White House had 100 summer internship openings in 2006, and Cedarville University alumni snagged two of them! Now that the summer internships are complete, these Class of 2006 grads have gone on to accept positions in the U.S. Trade and Development Agency and the White House.

Corporate Downsizing Demystified



Dr. Franco Gandolfi, associate professor of international business, says the overall picture is clear, yet sobering: downsizing is here to stay. In his new book, *Corporate Downsizing Demystified* (ICFAI University Press), he clarifies the mysteries, misconceptions, and societal effects of this all-too-familiar business phenomenon.

Honor to Whom Honor is Due

U.S. News Ranks Cedarville in Regional Top Tier

The editors of *U.S. News & World Report* have ranked Cedarville University in the top tier of Midwest region comprehensive colleges for the sixth consecutive year. The annual rankings appear in the magazine's August 28 issue and at www.usnews.com.

U.S. News used factors such as admissions selectivity and student/faculty ratio to determine the rankings. A more detailed description of the factors is available at www.usnews.com.

Cedarville University was ranked 14th in the Midwest overall and finished at or near the top of the region in several areas. For example, Cedarville's percentage of freshmen who graduated in the top quarter of their high school class was fourth highest at 63 percent. The University's 70 percent graduation rate was sixth highest in the Midwest. Cedarville had the second highest percentage of faculty considered full-time (93 percent). And, Cedarville was in the Midwest's top 10 for its freshman retention rate of 82 percent. Nationally, Cedarville tied for 27th overall out of 320 comprehensive colleges.

"We are extremely pleased by this positive, independent evaluation of the University's quality and value," said

Dr. Bill Brown, Cedarville's president. "Every day and in every aspect of campus life, our students are inspired to have hearts that demonstrate a passion for God, to think with minds that understand Truth, to develop friendships that enrich their lives, and to invest in service that has eternal rewards. This integrative effort is what makes a Cedarville education distinctive."

Theatre Program Receives Honors

Dayton City Paper (Ohio) has honored the Cedarville University Theatre Program with one top and three honorable mention awards. Winners are chosen from the year's Miami Valley theatre productions, both collegiate and professional.

Dayton City Paper's theatre critic, Russell Florence Jr., awarded Cedarville "Best Scenic Design" for the *Arsenic and Old Lace* set designed by Assistant Professor of Communication Arts



Traveling Scholars



Dr. John Whitmore (front) and geology students in the American West

From Celtic castles and Spanish bull fights to American fossils and Mediterranean biblical artifacts, this summer has been anything but routine for Cedarville University students and professors. They melded their studies with hands-on experiences in Ireland, Spain, Greece, Italy, and America's national parks.

Center for Political Studies

Did you know that Cedarville University has a Center for Political Studies (CPS)? Find out more about its purpose and activities at www.cedarville.edu/cps.

To find out more about these stories, visit www.cedarville.edu/whatsabuzz and follow the prompts for the *Inspire* page.

CedarSightings!



Cedarville could be anywhere! This picture was taken in Cedarville, Pennsylvania at the Cedarville United Methodist Church. Shown here are Bootsie Hoke (mother of Curtis), Curtis Hoke '83, and his daughter, Abigail.

Have you seen something that reminded you of your time at Cedarville? If so, send your CedarSightings pictures and stories to alumni@cedarville.edu.

Robert L. Clements. Honorable mentions went to Cedarville for *Romeo and Juliet* ("Collegiate Production of a Play" category), Daron Day '06 as Mercutio in *Romeo and Juliet* ("Best Supporting Actor in a Play"), and Victoria E. Duff '07 as Kristine Linde in *A Doll's House* ("Breakthrough Female Performance"). The awards were reported in the July 5-11, 2006 issue of *Dayton City Paper*.

In the 2006-2007 season, Cedarville University plans to showcase Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* (October 5-7 and 12-14), *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* (February 1, 3, 8-10), and *The Glass Menagerie* (March 29-31, April 12-14). Visit www.cedarville.edu/theatreproductions for more information.

CU Engineers Take Second in European Solar Race

More than 100 miles of Dutch rivers, waterways, and canals could not stop the 2006 Cedarville University Solar Boating Team. The solar-powered cedar core boat they designed, manufactured, and engineered captured the second place trophy at the 2006 Frisian Nuon Solar Challenge in the Netherlands (www.frisiannuonsolarchallenge.com).

Held in the Friesland province of the Netherlands, the June 26-July 2 Frisian Nuon Solar Challenge included the top universities

in the Netherlands, Germany, and Sweden as well as professional engineering teams from around Europe. The six-day endurance race of solar-powered boats presented "our students with problems and challenges they had little or no training to overcome," explained Dr. Tim Dewhurst, professor of mechanical engineering and faculty advisor for the project. "They were forced to think on their feet and train themselves to fix the problems and overcome the challenges."

Prior to the Frisian Nuon Challenge in Europe, the CU Solar Boating Team looked to defend their two-time title of World Champion in Fayetteville, Arkansas at Solar Splash® 2006 (www.solarsplash.com).

This year's competition proved tougher with the University of Arkansas taking first and CU placing second overall. However, CU outpaced a variety of other competitors, including Carnegie Mellon University and the U.S. Naval Academy.



Alumni Events



Seattle, Washington — June 24

When the Lifeline Players visited Washington this summer, they enjoyed meeting with a group of Cedarville alumni and friends for a short program and dessert reception at Discovery Baptist Church in Gig Harbor.



South Central Pennsylvania Chapter — July 20

A group of more than 100 alumni and friends gathered at Lititz Springs Park to send off new students to CU. This was the first event hosted by the South Central Pennsylvania Alumni Chapter. The group closed the event with a time of singing and prayer.



Indianapolis, Indiana Chapter — July 10

The HeartSong touring team ended their summer tour in the Midwest where they performed for Cedarville alumni and friends at College Park Church. The Indianapolis Alumni Chapter hosted a dessert reception after the performance for all who attended.



Grand Rapids, Michigan Chapter — July 29

The John Ball Zoo was a great location for the Grand Rapids Alumni Chapter event. More than 80 alumni and friends gathered to share memories and enjoy fellowship.



Columbus, Ohio Chapter — July 14

The Columbus Chapter had their first official event at Blacklick Woods Park in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. The picnic allowed alumni to fellowship and encourage CU students heading to the 'Ville.



Maine Chapter — August 5

The Maine Alumni Chapter had their first event at Sidenspark Pond, where they enjoyed swimming and reminiscing about their days at Cedarville. Dick Walker '74 even made a guest appearance!



Colorado Chapter — July 15

A summer send-off picnic at Fairgrounds Regional Park was the Colorado Alumni Chapter summer event. As they interacted, alumni shared advice with new and current students.



Miami Valley, Ohio Chapter — August 17

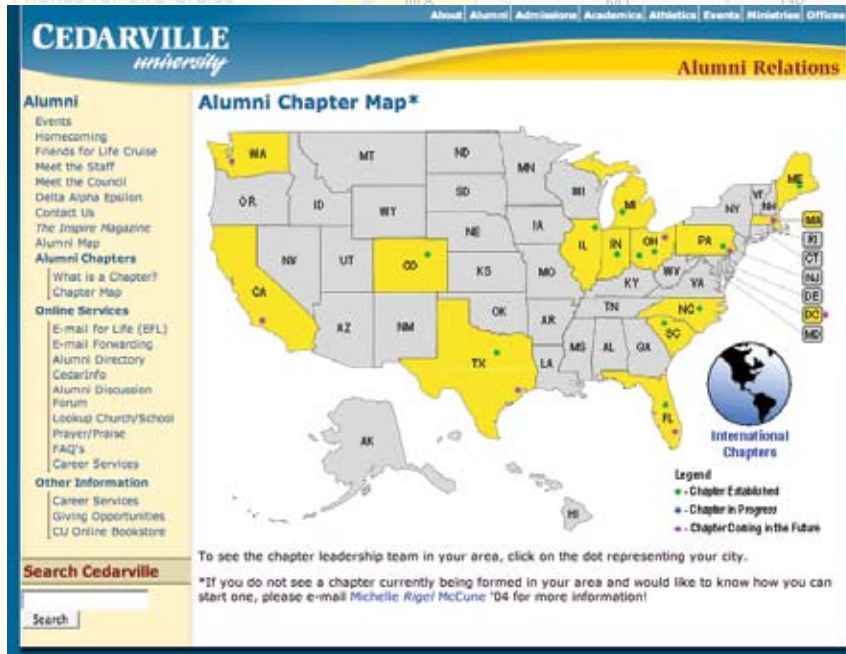
The Miami Valley Alumni Chapter enjoyed a fun-filled evening at Young's Jersey Dairy in Yellow Springs. Alumni enjoyed ice cream, batting cages, mini-golf, and other activities. The alumni student volunteer organization, Delta Alpha Epsilon, enjoyed meeting the alumni guests as well.

A New Chapter at Cedarville!

Alumni

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Alumni Chapter Map*



Did you know that Cedarville University has an alumni chapter program? Currently, there are 12 established alumni chapters across the United States, and plans are in the works to start several more chapters in the coming years. Potential chapters include: Los Angeles, Seattle, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Houston, Toledo, and Boston.

We would love to have you be a part of a local chapter. E-mail Michelle Rigel McCune '04 at mmccune@cedarville.edu if you would like to get involved.

To find out more about chapters and to see if there is already one in your area, visit www.cedarville.edu/alumni/chapters.

Calendar of Campus Events

October 19

Fall Break Begins

October 23

Classes Resume

October 27-28

PlanetWisdom

November 3

Grandparents Day

November 3-4

Parents Weekend

November 9-12

National Christian Multicultural Student Leaders Conference

November 18

Science and Math Day

November 22

Thanksgiving Vacation Begins

November 28

Classes Resume

December 12-15

Final Exams

January 9

Spring Semester Begins

Find more information at www.cedarville.edu/calendar.

The Big Pic[©]

presents ... "Where in the

Best Overall Photo



When Andrea McNeal '01 (left) visited her college roommate Elizabeth de Boer '01 in Washington state, the Tulip Festival in Mt. Vernon seemed the perfect opportunity to take the perfect CU picture.

Most Famous



Ken '69 and Alice Miller McGhee '70 were prepared in their CU shirts when they went to a booksigning for the release of *The Rapture* in Littleton, Colorado. Also in the picture are Beverly LaHaye, Tim LaHaye, and Jerry Jenkins.

Best Participation



Alana Merritt Rasbach '05, Megan Koons '05, Jessica Allen '05, Lisa Wendt '05, and Christine Fairchild '05 pose for a group photo in the Inner Mongolia desert in China.

Most Creative



Under the sea is where David Lindner '84 displays his Cedarville University shirt. We can't help but wonder who was down there to take the picture!

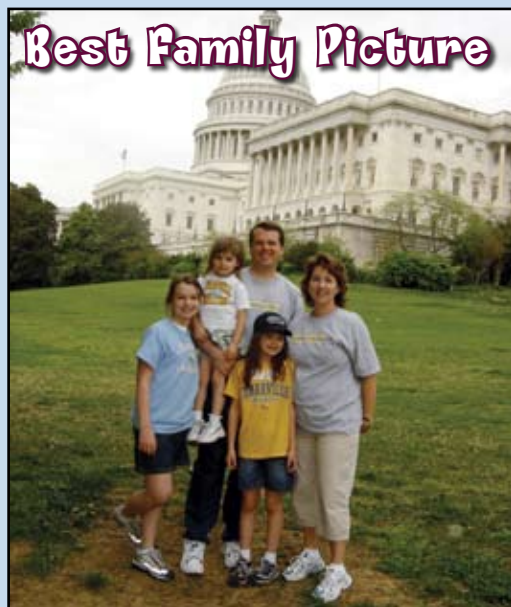
Most Patriotic



Sitting in a Hummer loaded into the cargo bay of the C-17 he flies, U.S. Air Force Capt. Brandon Dow '01 (needing to stay in uniform) shows his Cedarville spirit.

world is Cedarville?"

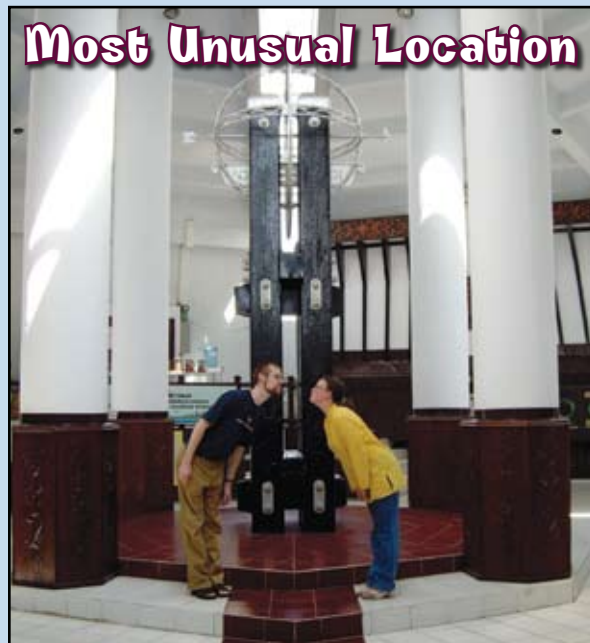
Best Family Picture



Dave '90 and Linda Garrigan Ryan '90 show their family CU spirit with their kids (Allison, 11; Karis, 9; and Abigail, 4) in front of the Capitol building in Washington, D.C.

We received a record number of submissions for the "Where in the World is Cedarville?" contest. Be sure to visit www.cedarville.edu/alumni to see all of the photo submissions. Thanks to all who participated. Be sure to be thinking about where you'll take your photo next year!

Most Unusual Location



Adam '04 and Kristi-Lynn Kurczy Craig '03 stand on either side of the Equator Monument in southeast Asia. Adam is in the southern hemisphere and Kristi-Lynn is in the northern hemisphere.

Most Adventurous



Will Jenks '02 has spent the last three summers stationed on the Salmon River in North Fork, Idaho. When he gets the chance, he tries to float the river there . . . in Cedarville garb, of course.

Honorable Mention



Susan Thompson Zonca '82 and her son, Ethan, pause for meaningful interaction in Gettysburg with Abe Lincoln and an interesting man in a sweater.

Honorable Mention



Brian Gault '99 was in Israel on an archeological dig when the Israeli-Lebanese conflict erupted. The smoke in the background is from Hezbollah targets hit by Israeli cannons.

Honorable Mention



Rebekah Sartori '05 (left) convinced her whole family to wear their CU shirts on their recent trip to Israel.

What's the Word?

Death is perhaps the most painful aspect of living, and oftentimes discussing death surfaces many difficult memories. In this edition of Inspire, I asked our department chair to address perhaps the most difficult aspect of death — the passing of infants and children and their heavenly destination. Dr. Tom Cragoe masterfully demonstrates how the Word of God addresses these painful events of living this side of heaven. With the most thoughtful and prayerful consideration, we dedicate this entire article to our beloved readers who have suffered loss.

Dr. David Mappes
Associate Professor of Bible

Do Infants Who Die Go to Heaven?

by Thomas H. Cragoe, Th.D.



Rebecca and Tom Cragoe

Only God understands fully the sense of pain and loss a family experiences upon the death of a child. In the midst of such heartache, it is comforting to know that God cares deeply for those who are grieving. He helps bear

this burden through His Word, which offers assurance that all infants who die are safe in heaven with God.

As we begin, a couple of definitions are needed. Scripture teaches that human life begins at conception (Psalm 51:5; 139:13-16; Jer. 1:5). Therefore, in this discussion the term “infant” denotes a human being from the moment of conception to the age of accountability. The idea of an age of accountability is based on those Scriptures that acknowledge the existence of children who cannot distinguish between good and evil (Isaiah 7:15-16; Jonah 4:11). These children are not viewed as accountable for having committed knowing acts of sin before God (Deut. 1:39-40).

The Revelation of Scripture Concerning Infants

Matthew 19:13-15 offers the clearest evidence that infants who die go to heaven. In this passage, Jesus receives *infants*. This is seen by the Greek term used to describe these children (“infants,” *brefos*, in Luke 18:15; compare Luke 1:44), and by the fact that they were small enough for Jesus to take in His arms (Mark 10:16). As infants, these children were incapable of exercising personal trust in Jesus, and yet our Lord stated concerning *all* these infants that the kingdom of heaven

belongs to such as these. In essence, Jesus was declaring that *heaven belongs to all those infants*, and by implication, to all infants. Christ is calling attention to the special quality of passivity within all infants which renders them safe, heirs of heaven, if they were to die in that condition.

Notice that Jesus *blessed* the infants (Matt. 19:15). In the New Testament, God only blesses those who are rightly related to Him. Christ received and blessed those infants because they were His own. Hence, it is reasonable to believe that He receives infants upon death and blesses them with eternal life.

This passage gives grieving parents reasonable hope that their deceased child, who is the object of our Lord’s affection, was received into His arms in heaven upon death. We have the confident expectation that one day believing parents will be united with their deceased child in heaven. This confident hope is seen in David’s grief over his infant child who died (II Sam. 12:21-23), especially when contrasted to his response to the death of unbelieving Absalom (II Sam. 18:33).

The Reality of the Sinfulness of Infants

If infants who die go to heaven, it is not because they are without sin. Despite their innocent appearance, infants are guilty before God, according to Scripture. This is because the original sin of Adam had two effects upon the human race. The first is *deprivation*, which means that humanity has been so thoroughly deprived of moral and spiritual power that we are incapable of doing God’s will. The human race lost the sinlessness and holiness possessed prior to the Fall. This deprivation results in physical death (Rom. 5:12-14).

The second effect of original sin upon the race is *depravity*, which means that from the moment of conception we possess a disposition (inclination) toward sin that results in spiritual death (Psalm 51:5; Eph. 2:3).

These two effects of original sin extend to infants. The infant has not knowingly committed sinful actions. Nevertheless, the fact of infant mortality clearly demonstrates that they have inherited both sin and guilt from Adam (Psalm 51:5; Eph. 2:3). Hence, if infants who die are “safe,” it is not because they are innocent before God.

The Remedy for the Sinfulness of Infants

God has provided only one way to rescue those born into a condemned state. Jesus Christ, God’s Son, died in our place for our sins and rose again to satisfy God’s wrath toward sin and to deliver humanity from bondage to sin (II Cor. 5:18-21; I John 2:2).

The question then becomes how the benefits of Christ’s atonement are applied to cover the guilt of those who die in

infancy. For the person who has reached moral accountability, salvation is by conscious faith (Eph. 2:8-9). But an infant is incapable of such conscious belief.

The key in dealing with the eternal destiny of children who die in infancy is their *passivity*. This is seen in Romans 5:12-21, where a parallel is established between Adam and Christ. The infant who passively participates in the sin of Adam (5:12, 14) also passively participates in the benefits of Christ's atonement (5:15, 18-19).

Deprivation, an absence of grace to maintain union with God, results in physical death. Each time an infant suffers physical death, this part of the penalty of original sin is exhausted. In the bodily resurrection, this aspect of the penalty of original sin (physical death) is *reversed*. The resurrection takes place with the same scope as physical death and is totally apart from the will of the individual. As in Adam *all* die; so also in Christ *all* shall be made alive (I Cor. 15:22).

Depravity, or the corruption of nature, results in spiritual death. The remedy for spiritual death is regeneration, whereby God imparts eternal life. A morally accountable individual is regenerated by the Holy Spirit in response to faith (John 3:3; Titus 3:5). However, in the case of the infant who dies, faith is impossible. While the infant's nature is corrupt, the infant's nature is dormant in the sense that it has not yet brought about in that infant the acts of rebellion against God that it has in the morally responsible person. The infant's guilt is undifferentiated from that of the race by any personal act of his own. Therefore, since the first effect of original sin (deprivation) and its penalty (physical death) are removed from the entire race in Christ, and since there is no obstacle (the unbelief and rejection that are characteristic of morally responsible individuals), it is reasonable that the second half of the consequence of original sin is remitted at the same time that the first half is remitted — at the resurrection.

This idea of spiritual life being imparted is supported by the fact that our Lord spoke of the "regeneration" of the world (Matt. 19:28), and Paul spoke of the redemption of creation (Rom. 8:20-21). As the Fall affected the physical creation which passively participated in Adam's sin, so creation is to be renewed in Christ. Similarly, even though the infant possesses a corrupt nature (depravity), without having personally transgressed and thereby actually concurred in that sin by individual choice, there is reason to believe that the child will be delivered from both effects of original sin at the resurrection.

This conclusion is confirmed by the fact that nowhere in Scripture is the guilt associated with original sin explicitly stated to bring eternal condemnation apart from acts of sin. At the Great White Throne Judgment, where the unsaved dead

are judged (Rev. 20:11-15), the basis of their condemnation is their *evil works*. It is *rejection* of the Savior which has kept their names out of the book of life and their *works* that prove that they deserve eternal condemnation. Once again, passivity is the key. The common requirement for regeneration in both the infant and the adult is passivity. The infant is conceived in this passive condition. The morally accountable sinner has lost his passivity by willfully sinning against God. That person must become passive by choosing to submit to God's grace in repentance and faith to be saved.

Review and Summary

Please note that this doctrine does not justify abortion. Abortion is murder, the intentional taking of human life (Exodus 20:13). However, the fact that an infant who dies goes to heaven does bring comfort in that the mother's sinful choice has not condemned her unborn child to eternal separation from God.

This doctrine also does not speak to the issue of those who have never heard the gospel. Those who reach the age of moral awareness will invariably commit acts of sin (Rom. 3:23). Personal sin results in guilt — the person deserves eternal punishment for violating God's law (Rom. 6:23). The *only* basis of salvation for those beyond the age of accountability is conscious faith in the substitutionary death and resurrection of Christ (John 14:6; I Cor. 15:1-4). That is why the distinction has been made between infants who are *safe* prior to the age of accountability and for all others who need to be *saved* by grace through faith in Christ.

In conclusion, all children are included in the great atoning sacrifice of Christ and really belong to Him (they are *safe*) until they deliberately and consciously sin. Truly the grace of God in Christ is rich in the comfort that it affords upon the death of an infant.

I stood beside a death-bed scene, a mother bent and wept,

*But deep within her breaking heart, a deathless faith she kept:
She gazed upon her little one, so beautiful and still,*

And humbly tried to yield him up unto her Master's will:

She bent and kissed his pallid brow, she joined her hands in prayer,

And then I knew the Christian's hope had surely entered there.

—from Thomas Smyth, *Solace for Bereaved Parents*

A Voice in the Wilderness

by Leslie Leyland Fields '79

It is June 2. My arms full of children, I crouch in a 10-seater Cessna Caravan and ready myself and six others for the flight across Kodiak Island, Alaska. Every summer since 1978, I have left my winter island home for our fish camp, where my family and I commercial fish for salmon. We will fly 60 miles over wilderness, mountains, glaciers, and fjords to a mile-long island with a population of eight — our family alone. This place has no roads, cars, or electricity, except what we generate ourselves, and days will often pass there before I see a human being other than my children. Our only contact with the outside world is a quirky, on-again, off-again radio-phone.

When I am not fishing or tending children, I make my way down to a shed that sits on pilings over the Gulf of Alaska waters that beat time and tide against the foundations of my dwelling. I am surrounded by mountain and ocean wilderness that sucks the breath out of all who first see it. Out my window, I can see bald eagles and peregrine falcons stirring the winds; sea lions, otters, and whales cruise by in their own currents; volcanoes steam on the horizon.

It is here that I write — poetry, essays, nonfiction. I could not have chosen a geography or two occupations — fishing and writing — more freighted with the folklore of self-sufficiency, rugged individualism, and fierce independence.

These clichés happen to be real life for us. We built our own house and dug our own well; we fish by hand. Like a latter-day Adam and Eve, we dress and keep our own island world. For a writer, the romantic images are equally accurate — the author in pensive solitude, breathing in rarified inspiration from the lap of undefiled creation, the numbing din of popular culture thousands of miles away.

But I would give it all up in an iambic heartbeat. I know exactly what I am missing. As an undergraduate at Cedarville University, I joined with faculty, students, and friends in the pursuit of integrating faith, art, and knowledge. How do we make every thought, every artistic expression captive to the Lordship of Christ? How do we redeem a language so fractured and bent it no longer references a recognizable world? We harnessed ourselves together in asking questions like these and



in our attempts at answering them. We spoke the same language. We were many, yet we were one.

Since then, in my teaching career, I have created numerous writing workshops and learned that community is far more than people gathering in the same room to share and perfect their work. There were carnivorous groups, out for the hunt and spill of blood. Happy social groups, united in dodging the hard work of truth. Complainers who plotted subversion. Cheerleaders who thrilled to every trite, tripping phrase. The alchemy to produce writing groups where iron sharpens iron is elusive at best.

This brings some comfort to me as I sit, writing, during the months of my fish camp exile. I worry that solitude will lapse into solipsism and wish for fellowship around words, literature, poetry, faith. A few select journals and magazines assuage this ache and remind me I am not alone. But thankfully it is not enough. My need sends me further, to the final source of all community — the Word itself. It is here that the hardest work begins.

In the shed that serves as my prayer closet and writing studio, I open the Scriptures and enter a swirl of mysteries I cannot parse: Word and world, logos uttering forth cosmos, the aspiring spirit rattling the tongue of holy writ in my ear. This other world, these words, undo me. In their company,

I am lost, I am found, I am freed from the suffocating bounds of self. As I work at writing memoir and nonfiction, holding up the tattered pieces of my life in a search for language to shape and redeem them, I invite the gaze of another — the Word — Creator himself. This is the ultimate writing workshop.

Sometimes I am quiet, simply listening. Other times I am Jacob, who, having ushered the rest of his family to a safe distance, then stolidly approaches the theophany, sweaty hands on his wrists, not letting go until the words he needs are spoken, the blessing given. This duel is a singular enterprise. No one can stand in for me. And though the prevailing metaphor for the church — the human body — is the quintessential image of community (many parts, one body), St. Paul admonishes us as well to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. Whether we live in the heart of Manhattan or on an island in Alaska, this is the hard work done on our knees, alone. This is the hard work of writing, nothing less than a fearful working out of our daily salvation.



Noah, Micah, Leslie (Leyland) '79, Duncan '78, and Naphtali Fields are in the back row while sons Elisha, Abraham, and Isaac are in the front.

Indeed, as a writer, I am fed by the tensions that define my life. Perhaps these are the same tensions that define the lives of believers everywhere — who stand every day with their two feet in oppositional worlds.

I write about the virtues of working in isolation because I must. In a few weeks, I will pack up house and children and make the flight out to our distant island. I will always long for community in this place, and in my winter island home as well, and will read journals and join conferences and workshops whenever possible, but I am reconciled to the boundaries set around me. I am learning not to fear isolation and need. Indeed, as a writer, I am fed by the tensions that define my life.

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On the day that all longing is filled, will my pen fall silent? Or, perhaps, finally, in the company of redeemed fellow writers and artists, I will find my best and truest voice, a choral voice.

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Less is More

by Marla Yoder Taviano '97

Less is more, they say. Whoever “they” are, it turns out they’re right. I didn’t always think so, and my writing style certainly reflected my disbelief.

An avid writer, I thought that if something could be said 10 different ways, I’d go ahead and say all 10. I remember churning out my first philosophy of education paper at Cedarville, impressed with how intelligent I sounded.

My prof returned the paper with a brief note scrawled in red across the top of page one — “has potential, but cut the fluff!”

Well, I never! After a bit of a pout, I saw the criticism for what it was — constructive (and true). My papers steadily improved. I learned the art of conciseness — getting to the point without the effusive fluff.

Fast forward a few years. As a teacher, I taught my sixth-graders how to write concisely. As a freelance writer for an educational publisher, I wrote workbooks with great succinctness. Yet, as I worked on a manuscript that I hoped might someday be a book, I seemed to have forgotten the whole “less is more” deal.

In January of 2005, two publishers took a look at my manuscript. Publisher #1 flat-out rejected it. Seems it was “too wordy” and I “talked about myself too much.” Go figure.

Thankfully, publisher #2 saw through my wordiness and propensity toward self-preoccupation and gave me a chance. (Just like my ol’ prof who recognized potential amidst all my fluff.)

“Your writing is like a breath of fresh air,” the acquisitions editor at Harvest House told me. “Just trim your manuscript down to 73,000 words, and we’ll be good to go.”

“Trimming” didn’t begin to describe the task that lay before me. I began to chop, cut, slash, and obliterate every word that wasn’t completely necessary. Then I did it again. And again. Forty thousand (40,000!) deleted words later, my book was ready for submission.

So, when the fine folks at *Inspire* asked me, Girl-of-Far-Too-Many-Words, to share my story in 1,000 words or less, my first thought was, “Why, that’s not nearly enough room for all I have to say!”

The Holy Spirit immediately nudged me and whispered, “It is, however, plenty of room for what *I* have to say *through* you.”



Marla Yoder Taviano '97 with husband Gabe and daughters Nina, Olivia, and Ava

God spends a lot of time nudging me. I’m always forgetting important lessons He’s taught me about how my writing relates to my walk with Christ.

My words alone = meaningless fluff.

Letting the Holy Spirit speak words through me = impacted lives.

God doesn’t do fluff. His Word is beautifully written, yes, but very to-the-point. He doesn’t mess around. In fact, if He repeats something, it’s a matter of life or death importance.

Nothing I write matters. *Unless* I have first sought God and asked Him to fill me with His Spirit. Any power my words take on is a direct result of answered prayer.

This isn’t church-speak. This is real. Oh, the stories I could tell from both sides of the coin. Times I’ve left God out of the picture and relied on my own wit and wisdom. And times I’ve invited the Holy Spirit (begged Him even) to speak through me. Can you guess which times lives were touched and changed and which times I fell flat on my face?

Plain and simple, I love to write. Just like when that *Chariots of Fire* guy said, “When I run, I feel God’s pleasure,” that’s how I feel when I’m scrawling words across a page or typing furiously on my keyboard.

Maybe you feel like that when you paint, or work with wood, or cook a meal, or design a Web site, or make a scrapbook, or knit a scarf, or stitch up a wound, or take photos, or teach children, or decorate a cake, or counsel a troubled teenager.

God is writing *His*-story. Each of us is part of that story. And we're all wired with a desire to express our story in some fashion. That's why blogging is so big right now. Writing about yourself validates your life experiences. It can even help bring meaning to life's trials.

Example: my car broke down, my dog died, I got yelled at by my boss, and my child just threw up, but that's OK! At least I'll have something to blog about in the morning!

I recently "met" a whole passel of Cedarville grads via xanga, and these gals have truly enriched my life in such a short time. We've all come to the realization that others are most encouraged when we share our *weaknesses*, rather than our *strengths*. (In my case, messing up is my strength!)

No matter who you are, you have a story to share. And God has someone out there who needs to hear it. Be transparent. Be real. Be a blessing.

I've found my niche as a writer in sharing with other young women "You're not alone!" I write from where I'm at, where I've been, and where I hope to go, pleading with the Holy Spirit to connect me with other broken young women who might "stumble" across my books.

And just like the apostle Paul, I'm all about boasting in my weaknesses. I figure as long as I keep screwing up, I'll have something to write about. And if I'm lucky, someone will offer to pay me to do it.

The stories of how my writing has comforted, encouraged, and convicted hearts = humbling, gratifying, priceless. But it only works when it's not all about me.

Less me, more God = a good, good thing. Just like the apostle John says so succinctly, "He must become greater; I must become less" (3:30).

When it comes to my writing (and my life), less of *me* is more.

Would you look at that — just 967 words!

Marla is the author of From Blushing Bride to Wedded Wife (Harvest House Publishers, 2006) and Is That All He Thinks About? (Harvest House Publishers, January 1, 2007). She resides in Columbus, Ohio with her husband, Gabe, and daughters, Olivia (5), Ava (4), and Nina (8 months). Marla may be reached at mtaviano@taviano.com.



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The Writing of *The Fight of Faith*

by Bruce W. McDonald '69

As I sit here writing this article, I have just returned from meetings in the Midwest. On my last day there, I was having lunch with some of the pastoral staff, when the topic of the Christian life came up. After listening to some incidences of stretching times, I made the remark, "You know, the longer you travel the Christian life, the more confusing things become." This got everyone's attention, so I continued on. "It seems to me that the longer you know God, the less He makes sense." This generated a discussion that pretty much affirmed what I had shared. I concluded my remarks by saying, "I believe that you can know the heart of God but never fully know His mind. In fact, He may seem more mysterious the longer you have known Him."

The thought of God becoming more mysterious to us was not a new thought to me. It is something that I have been thinking about for a long time now. In fact, it launched me into an investigation in Scripture to see if there was a pattern and unfolding revelation about this experience. Studying God's Word about this topic made me more sensitive to my own struggles in this area and more acutely aware of the struggles of others. For much of my 35-plus years of ministry, I have traveled extensively in sharing God's Word. It has given me the opportunity to listen to many people, especially pastors and missionaries. For the past handful of years I had been hearing stories of Christians who were ready to give up in their walk of faith. I have no doubt that Christians have struggled in the area of faith since the beginning of time, but it seemed like many more were struggling now, especially those in ministry.

Therefore, because of my own personal experiences and failures, my research of Scripture, and my investigation into others' struggles, I decided to put together a Bible study on the topic of "Faith in the Last Days." I shared this a handful of times in retreat and church settings, and then a unique opportunity came along. I was asked to speak to the executive board of the Christian Booksellers Association (CBA). After I agreed to speak to the CBA Board, they then told me that they wanted me to speak for seven hours! I was shocked that they desired this, since it would be behind closed doors in private sessions around their executive tables. When I arrived at the CBA headquarters that day, I found many of the heads of the publishing world, the music industry, and the Christian



Bruce '69 and Bev Hare McDonald '72

Booksellers. Quite a group! I had chosen as my topic "The Fight of Faith." Little was I prepared for what God did in that room that day. In His grace He decided to meet with all of us and encourage the hearts of the men and the women around the tables. When the day was finished, Greg Thornton, vice president of Moody Publishing, approached me and asked if I would be willing to write on this topic for Moody. He expressed his feelings that this was something that needed to get out to more people. I agreed and joined in a wonderful partnership with Moody.

So the book *The Fight of Faith* was birthed as a result of the vice president at Moody Publishing having a vision to put this material in many people's hands. But, as I mentioned, the launching of this book goes back much farther than this. In my own life I noticed answers did not come as quickly as they had at one time. God seemed to be slower more often, His silence began to lengthen. I was forced more and more to walk by faith without much affirmation. What was happening? Then among my friends and during my meetings I would hear more and more stories of God's seeming silence and slowness. Missionaries, pastors, and church members were ready to walk away from God, or at least from serving Him wholeheartedly.

Not all of this was public; much was shared with me in private. I had to have some answers.

For the better part of two years, I delved into Scripture, and I began to see a pattern. I began also to see a prediction. The walk of faith does indeed get more difficult and increasingly so in the last days. The first passage of Scripture that jumped out at me was Hebrews 10:35 — “So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.” Here was a group of people who were ready to “walk away” in their Christian faith. They were ready to lose their faith — not saving faith, but their confidence in God. It can happen. Then one of the most important verses I’ve come across is found in Luke 18:1-8. It is the familiar story of the Persistent Widow. But it ends with a rather cryptic verse: “However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?”

What did that mean? It obviously did not mean “Will He find anyone saved?” But it meant “Would He find the kind of faith that the widow demonstrated in believing God even when He seems to be uncaring and indifferent (the unjust judge)?” There will be times when it seems that God is putting us off. He even says this in verse 7 — “Will He keep putting them off?”

I realized that when Christ comes back, faith that is deep, difficult faith will be at a minimum. It challenged my whole being. How shallow was my faith? On two occasions the Word of God says, “The love of many will grow cold” and “Many will abandon the faith.” Perhaps the greatest result of my study was discovering the difference between the **Results of Faith** and the **Rewards of Faith**. Did I serve God because I thought things would get better for me here? Or that I would experience blessings on earth? I saw that the results of

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faith take place on this earth — and they are varied. It was clear in Scripture that some trusted and were blessed, others trusted and died (Hebrews 11:35). But all godly faith will be rewarded — one day in heaven. It has been freeing for me, although I still have a long way to go. It has also evidently been freeing for many others as I have heard from people all over the world sharing what God has shown them through the book. All glory to Jesus!

God is there, and He still is active in all our lives; however, the longer we go on with Him, the more He can trust us with His silence. He does not have to constantly “prove” His love and presence. Trusting God in stretching times gives us the opportunity to show our love and faith in Him before a watching universe and demonstrate one of the greatest acts of worship — faith.

Bruce and his wife, Bev (Hare) '72, reside in Woodland Park, Colorado, where Bruce serves with the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE). They have two sons and one daughter: Jeremy '95, Joshua '97, and Jessica.

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www.cedarville.edu/alumni.**

Behind *re:View*

It doesn't take many minutes of talking to Michael Koerbel '00 to see that he has eaten, breathed, and slept *re:View* for the past two years. As the producer/director of Cedarville University's donor-funded film series, he has, in his own words, "lived it." And, according to Mike, it's been well worth it.

Mike describes *re:View* as a film series that helps high school students learn how to discern and analyze the culture around them and then engage it in a godly way. Each section has an attention-grabbing short film followed by teaching segments led by Dr. Bill Brown.

The project is the brainchild of Dr. Brown, who invited Mike to come aboard in 2004 as the adventure was taking off. Mike took a hiatus from his role in Cedarville's Production Services Group for the project.

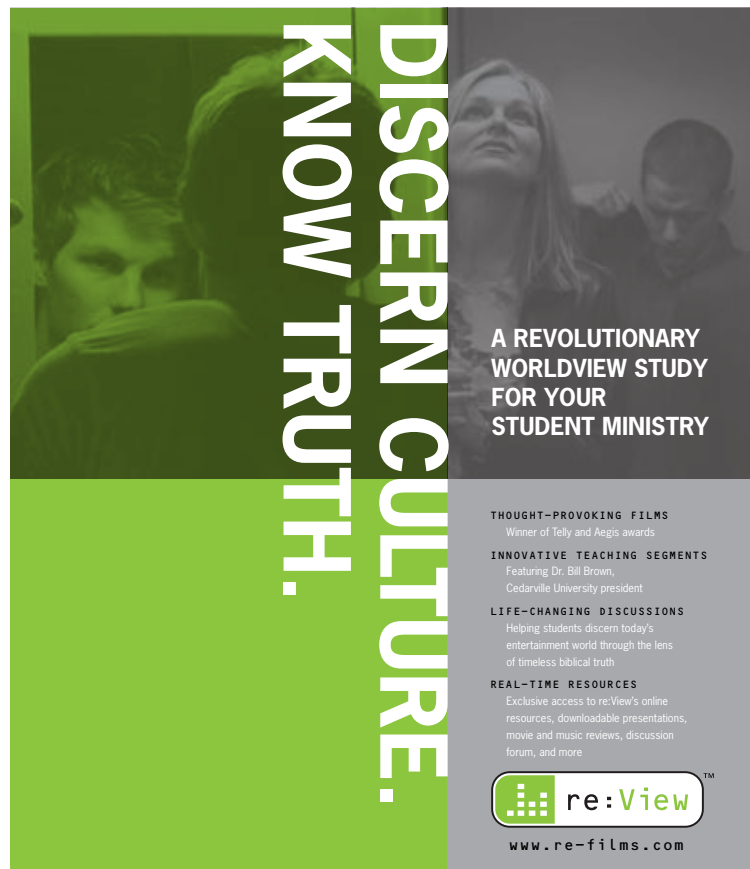
Mike immediately purposed to make *re:View* as "anti-cheesy" as possible, and from the looks of things, he succeeded. The project has won some of the secular industry's most prestigious awards — silver and bronze Tellys, an Aegis, and Aurora Gold Awards — and has opened doors for interaction with unsaved film industry professionals.

As producer/director, Mike has worked on everything from scripts and costumes to set design and shooting. "I've been able to do a variety of things and gain experience in ways I wouldn't have had opportunity for before," Mike shared. "It was like a mini film boot camp." He estimated that over the past two years *re:View* has required 27 days of filming, 46 locations from coast to coast, 64 main character actors and actresses, and more than 100 extras.

He also had the opportunity to involve quite a few faculty, staff, trustees, alumni, and students in the project. Alumni who participated include Adam Thompson '98, Ryan Clark '06, Scott Dixon '84, and Dave Wenzel '03.

Now that *re:View* is on the market, Mike looks forward to seeing what God will do with it. "God will use *re:View* in so many ways — ways we don't know are possible," he enthusiastically stated. "Students are analyzing the video and learning how to analyze culture. There's no way this would have happened without God. He's going to do amazing things."

Mike explained that because the goal of *re:View* has never been about making money but rather helping as many people as possible, *re:View* is competitively priced. In addition, alumni who order *re:View* can receive a 20 percent discount by entering "cualumni" on the coupon code. To learn more, visit www.re-films.com.



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Interest in attending Cedarville University is at near-record levels. This past fall, nearly 2,200 high school seniors submitted applications to attend this year, yet only one-third were able to accept admission. Why? "Lack of financial aid," to quote students who declined our offer of admission and selected another school instead. For many, Cedarville was their preferred college, but their personal and family resources fell short of covering the cost of attendance. Some of these students selected another school merely because of cost.

Like Rhoda Lambright ...

Cedarville was Rhoda's top choice, and she eagerly accepted the offer to attend. But after her first semester, Rhoda reconsidered her decision. The stress of finances was beginning to worry her as she looked toward the years ahead. Concerned about expenses and future debt, Rhoda decided to leave Cedarville and enroll at a university closer to home — one that offered more financial assistance.

But while away Rhoda's heart yearned for the experiences she enjoyed her freshman year. "I felt God was leading me to come back and trust Him to provide a way to pay for my education here," she said. Rhoda met with the financial aid office and was offered a grant that assists children whose parents are in a ministry. Though a small amount, it helped offset some of the costs — still nothing close to what she was offered at other schools.

Now a junior, Rhoda is actively involved on campus. She works as a resident advisor and is vice president of the intramural racquetball club. "The thing I

value most about my education here is how I'm being stretched and challenged both academically and spiritually. The Christian atmosphere is amazing!" she exclaimed.

After graduating from Cedarville, Rhoda is looking forward to pursuing a career in nursing. Still concerned about how she will pay for her schooling, Rhoda is considering an opportunity where nurses serve in a remote Alaskan village and have their education loans paid off in return.

Will you help?

Students like Rhoda are many. They feel called to be at Cedarville. They have a heart to continue ministering to others when they graduate but need others to minister to them while here. To bridge the gap between student resources and the cost of attending Cedarville we need to provide additional student aid — we need to increase funding for annual scholarships.

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Alumni Association News

Meet the Alumni Relations Staff

Faith Linn '83

Director of Alumni Relations

Following graduation from Cedarville University with a B.A. in communication arts, Faith earned an M.A. in theatre arts at the University of Akron and continued her theatre career in a number of settings. In October 1997, Faith began her career in alumni relations as the director of alumni relations for Cedarville University. Faith is well-known at Cedarville, having served as a guest coordinator, resident director, and adjunct professor since 1990. When she's not traveling around the country meeting alumni, Faith enjoys speaking at women's events and presenting workshops on the topics of creativity, mentoring, and friendship.



Drew Flamm '05

Assistant Director for Young Alumni Development

Drew graduated from Cedarville as a communications major and business minor and began on staff in June 2006. As the assistant director for young alumni development, he focuses on students and recent graduates. His goal is to prepare students for life outside of Cedarville and to serve alums as they grow their careers and families. Prior to joining the alumni relations staff, Drew lived in Atlanta, Georgia, where he worked for the Maximum Impact Group in leadership development. During this time he also served as a member on the Cedarville Alumni Council. He enjoys using his free time for reading, playing sports, and spending time with his fiancée, Stephanie Hueni '06.



Michelle Rigel McCune '04

Assistant Director for Regional Events and Services

Michelle received her degree in psychology from Cedarville in 2004. She is originally from Indianapolis, Indiana and served as the student assistant before joining the staff full-time as assistant director for regional events and services in May 2004. In her role, Michelle plans and oversees all off-campus events sponsored by alumni relations. She also helped to initiate the Regional Alumni Chapter program, which she continues to develop and maintain. As a student, Michelle was an active member of the alumni student organization Delta Alpha Epsilon (DAE). She married Adam McCune '02 in October 2005.



Sarah Clift '06

Coordinator of Campus Events and Services

Sarah joined the alumni relations team in May 2006 after obtaining her degree in management. While attending Cedarville, she served in the alumni student organization Delta Alpha Epsilon (DAE) for two years and worked as a student assistant for the alumni office. As the coordinator of campus events and services, some of Sarah's responsibilities include planning and overseeing on-campus events (including Homecoming), corresponding with alumni, managing the office, maintaining the budget, and working with student assistants. Originally from Cheshire, Connecticut, Sarah enjoys using her spare time to travel, read, and spend time with friends.



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Unexpected Reunions!



While in Yellowstone National Park, JoAnne Willett Simmons '02 (right) wondered if she would see anyone from Cedarville. Then, just a short time later, when she reached Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, she found Dr. Clifford Johnson '87H, Dr. Pamela Diehl Johnson '90H, and Dr. Dee Morris, all decked out in CU gear!

Have you randomly encountered someone you knew from Cedarville? If so, send your Unexpected Reunion pictures and stories to alumni@cedarville.edu.

Alumnotes

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Irene Benson '63 celebrated her 40th anniversary as a missionary among the Waiwai Indians of Brazil in April 2006. She is a member of CrossWorld (formerly Unevangelized Fields Mission) and teaches Bible in a bilingual school for the Waiwai.

John '64 and Judy Marcellus Bigelow '67 were encouraged by attending the Baptist Mid-Missions conference in June 2006. They look forward to allowing the Lord to lead and direct them concerning a building project for Bethany Baptist Church in Juneau, Alaska. They are praying for five new families to become a part of their church in the next two years.

Ty Bryant '64 works for Future Path Medical, LLC and is the editor of *Flight Plan*, a quarterly publication that gives executive news updates in the healthcare industry. He and his wife, **Pat (Adams) '64**, reside in Columbus, Ohio.

Marv '65 and Joan Carter Stephens '65 ask for prayer concerning Joan's lung cancer. They are praying that the cancer goes into remission without any additional treatment.

Norm '67 and Louise Stutesman Barnard '67 hosted the sixth Asia Baptist Theological Seminary (ABTS) triennial conference in March 2006 in Thailand. They were challenged with adaptations they need to make to be better servants for the Lord in church planting, missions, and education.

Jungle Marathon

In 2003, **Rebekah DeLancey Trittipoe '78** said goodbye to husband **Gary '76** and sons **Caleb '10** and **Seth (15)** and set off for the Amazon jungle ... to go running! Rebekah competed in a seven-day, 160-mile ultramarathon through intense heat, humidity, and swampy terrain.

"The time in the jungle proved to be more than a race; it was an examination of life and priorities," she said. "It was a test of resolve and character. It was an experience of a lifetime not to be missed — and I would do it all over again!"

Rebekah's adventure is chronicled in her new book *Under an Equatorial Sky*, which was recently published by E-BookTime. Her story reveals the ups and downs of her extreme sport experience, as well as the ways her faith was challenged and strengthened.

Under an Equatorial Sky is Rebekah's second foray into authorship. She co-authored *A Quest for Adventure* in 1997 with David Horton.

Rebekah resides in Bedford, Virginia and is a cardiovascular perfusionist and director of quality management and professional education at Trident Health Resources, Inc. She is currently working on an M.Ed. in e-learning with a specialization in technology and design. For more information on Rebekah and her books, visit www.extremetraining.com. Rebekah may be e-mailed at rttrippoe@aol.com.



Grace Trimble Kintner '67 and her husband, David, are happy to report that their church in Brazil is now being led by Brazilians. They have worked four years towards this goal and can see God's hand in all the circumstances and blessings they have encountered along the way. They eagerly await the path God has planned for them next.

Jon '67 and Katy Griffin Skillman '69 have been able to complete many projects at the radio station in Alaska the past few months. They have been thankful for the good weather and great help in accomplishing their goals. In September, they attended the National Quartet Convention in Kentucky in hopes of connecting with others who are interested in missionary work in Alaska.

Dan '68 and Nancy Norton Brower '69 are pleased that the construction of the Christian Education Annex at Faith Baptist in Brazil was completed in April 2006. They are thankful for how the Lord has provided for their ministry for more than 20 years. They ask for prayer concerning the safety of believers and the national pastors in Uberaba.

70s

Clif '71 and Hannah Stowell Jensen '71 are thankful for the new lodge at Doe River Gorge in Elizabethton, Tennessee. This new lodge will increase their capacity to almost 200 campers per week, which translates into nearly 2,300 spaces for the summer Adventure Quest program.

Donna Bingham Williams '73 has been named principal of Zeman Elementary School in Lincoln, Nebraska. She is married to **Charles '72**.

Evandro Batista '77 is an interim pastor for a church in Portugal. He asks for prayer for this church because they have encountered many challenges this year. Evandro and his wife, Elina, desire to continue their work, but will await God's leading and direction.

Barrett Mosbacher '79 has been named superintendent of Briarwood Christian School (Birmingham, Alabama), a school associated with Briarwood Presbyterian Church. He is also an adjunct professor at Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Georgia.

80s

Aaron '85 and Annegret Grosse Bowes '87 are thankful for the many opportunities to share the gospel in Germany. Pray that the new believers there will have the courage to live a new life in Christ. Aaron and Annegret have sent out several thousand postcards which give recipients the option to receive free items such as a New Testament, Christian book, and the *Jesus* film. They are praying that God will use this evangelical tool to reach out to the people in the city.



Sonya Nichols Burton '86 and her husband, Mike, have three children, Mallory (11), Madison (6), and Seth (4). They reside in Port Charlotte, Florida and are active

members at the First Baptist Church of Port Charlotte. Mike is the head golf professional at Riverwood Golf Club, where he teaches golf and holds youth golf clinics. Sonya teaches kindergarten at Kingsway Elementary School and enjoys writing children's literature on the side. She has had articles and stories published in *Hopscotch for Girls*, *Story Mates*, *Our Little Friend*, and *Wee Ones* e-magazine. Most recently, Sonya wrote an article on Abraham Lincoln which appeared in the February 2006 issue of *Highlights for Children*.

Mary Newsome '86 is the school guidance counselor for Santiago Christian School in Chile, where she will be serving for the next two years. She enjoys helping the students with life lessons and decisions.

Pete Wright '86 and his wife, Sonya, are thankful for the many blessings and opportunities in their multimedia ministry. The provision of a one year's salary for their audio/visual technician will allow this ministry to grow even more.

Dana Messinger Cook '87 and her husband, Tom, announce the birth of Larissa Danielle on December 17, 2005. She joins Justin (15), Jonathan (13), and Lauren (7) in Goldsboro, North Carolina.



90s

Jeff Czyzyk '90 and his wife, Lori, are ministering to children and teens on the west side of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Within the past few months, they have had many outreach programs and have been pleased that several neighborhood children have been a part of the programs.

On Camera

Dr. David Hoffeditz '92 found himself under the hot lights of a television camera recently.

Dr. Tom Dallis '82 and his wife, Amy, founders of Ensign Media, interviewed him for their documentary, tentatively titled "The Gospel of Judas and other Gnostic Secrets Revealed."

Tom says the goal of the film is to inform Christians about what the Gospel of Judas and other Gnostic texts teach. The Gospel of Judas contradicts the canonical gospels by painting Judas Iscariot as a reluctant hero who receives secret enlightenment and betrays Jesus out of obedience. Tom stated, "We felt the truth needed to be stated, and our hope is that our documentary will do just that in a format that will be both educational and entertaining."

David, who is an assistant professor of Bible and Greek at Cedarville University, was one of four biblical scholars selected to give commentary in the Dallises' documentary. "I am honored to participate," he noted. "Such a project should serve as a crucial voice in a society which needs guidance in discerning fact from fiction."

The documentary, scheduled to be released in the fall of 2006, will be distributed worldwide through Vision Video/Gateway Films (www.visionvideo.com, 1-800-523-0226). Tom noted that the films can be helpful for personal or small group studies.

The Judas film will join the Dallises' previous projects, titled "Where Facts and Fiction Meet: The Biblical Christ in a Da Vinci Code Society" and "Advent Calendar on DVD." Their next documentary will be about C.S. Lewis and his book *The Screwtape Letters*.

Tom and Amy reside in Huber Heights, Ohio, with their daughter, Carissa (3). They welcome you to visit their Web site at www.ensignmedia.com or to e-mail them at tomdallis@ensignmedia.com or amydallis@ensignmedia.com.

David resides in Jamestown with his wife, **Dr. Lori (Anderson) '97**. They may be reached at hoffeditz@cedarville.edu.

Jonathan '90 and Lori Rogers Haskell '90 have relocated to Charleston, West Virginia. Jonathan is the pastor of outreach ministries at Bible Center Church. They are thankful for the nine years they ministered in Hungary.



Lara McGovern Allen '92 and her husband, Brad, announce the birth of Rachel Grace on April 22, 2006. Big brother Zach (2) is thrilled with the new arrival. Lara and Brad are involved with inner-city ministries in Denver, Colorado with Providence

Network and Open Door Ministries. They work alongside **David '93** and **Michelle Ferrigno Warren '93**, **Laura Shank '05**, and **Melissa Hunt '05**, as well as numerous students and other alumni who intern with Open Door Ministries each year.

Becky Reich Hannon '92 and her husband, David, have resigned from ministering with Children's Bible Fellowship in New York. They are thankful for the six years God used them at the camp and look forward to where He will lead them next.



Paul '92 and Jackie Rohm Wetzel '92 announce the adoption of Ava Marie XiaoE on February 6, 2006. She was born March 5, 2002. Her siblings, Derek (11), Daniel (6), and Aslynn (3), welcomed her home in Cedarville, Ohio. They are thankful that

Ava is adjusting well and learning English quickly.

Lorynda Bender '93 has been appointed as the information integration manager at Hillside Children's Center in Rochester, New York.

Nicki Silvera Freeman '94 and her husband, Guy, enjoy ministering to kids and their families in the Bridletowne community of Canada. They have seen several of their youth programs grow in size and are so thankful for the excitement of the kids involved.

Kristi VanDyke '94 received a master of divinity degree from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in May 2006. She resides in Louisville, Kentucky.

Jennifer Kierstead '95 teaches second grade at Pan American Christian Academy in Brazil. She also enjoys helping out with the girls junior varsity and varsity softball teams. She was really proud of their attitudes and accomplishments this past season.



Camille Holloway Schuette '95 and her husband, Jon, announce the birth of Ethan Jon. He was born June 23, 2006 and joins his brother, Adam, at home in Gig Harbor, Washington. Jon is a portfolio strategy analyst at Russell Investment Group.

Camille works from home as a compliance manager for J&M Management Company and enjoys taking care of the boys. The Schuettes are members and youth leaders at Discovery Baptist Church.

Jeff '96 and Lori Olson

Gaglio '95 announce the birth of Emaleigh Nicole on March 29, 2005. She was welcomed home by Anthony (5) and Alyssa (3) in Webster, New York. Jeff is an account manager for Verizon Wireless, and Lori enjoys being home with the children. They attend Webster Bible Church.



Amy De Witt Mahaffey '96

and her husband, Joseph, announce the birth of Grace Elizabeth. She was born March 8, 2006 and was welcomed home by her brother, Will Addison (2). Amy had been a second grade teacher for nine years but is now taking some time off to be home with the children. Joseph works in the telecommunications industry. They reside in Lynchburg, Virginia and are members of Hyland Heights Baptist Church.

Gwenyth Stambaugh

Eyler '97 and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of Caleb Jeffrey on November 11, 2005. Big sister Hannah Grace (2) welcomed him home in Hanover, Pennsylvania.



Jamin '97 and Angela Wenzel Ferner '98 announce the birth of Lily Patience on May 17, 2006. They reside in Moorestown, New Jersey.

Stephen '97 and Rebecca Cave Hodson '96 announce the birth of Ellen Bernice on August 11, 2005. She joins her siblings, Kara Joy (4) and Nathaniel Stephen (2), in Mount Morris, Illinois. Stephen is a guidance counselor at Dixon High School and a youth leader at their church. Rebecca is a stay-at-home mom.



Brooke Frazier Kropf '97 and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of Grant Frazier on August 31, 2005. They reside in Santa Clarita, California, where Brooke enjoys staying at home and is very involved with her local church through counseling women.

Penni Fulkerson Litwiller '97

and her husband, Rob, announce the birth of Benjamin Joel. He was born March 7, 2006 and was welcomed home by his brother, Matthew (20 months). They have recently moved to Wisconsin so Rob can finish his degree at Maranatha Baptist Bible College. They plan to go into full-time missions in the future.



Megan McMacken Rock '97 and her husband, John, announce the birth of Evan James on April 22, 2006.

He was welcomed home by his sister, Sela Joy (2). They reside in Armada, Michigan, where Megan stays home with the children and helps John with their nursing home and adult foster care ministry, The Sharing Organization.

Renee Tuinstra Trexler '97 and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of Lydia Anna on March 30, 2006. She joins her siblings, Nathaniel (4) and Hannah (2), in



Baby Blessings

Tom '99 and Amanda Bruckner Mullins '98 couldn't wait to adopt. Following is their story, printed in The Times of Northwest Indiana on February 12, 2006.

Four years of trying to have a baby, fertility specialists and one miscarriage left Tom and Amanda Mullins frustrated, sad and sometimes angry. Facing even more invasive fertility treatments, they decided in early 2004 to instead adopt, putting their name on the list at the Baptist Children's Home in Valparaiso and three other adoption agencies and hoping for the best. More than a year passed. Still no baby.

Then in late September, the Baptist Children's Home called. A mother wanted to meet them. On Oct. 6, they found themselves witnessing the birth of the son they'd name Clayton. It was love at first sight for the Mullins, of Hobart. With legal battles still brewing between the birth parents, Clayton landed in a foster home, where Amanda, 29, and Tom Mullins, 31, visited him often, falling more in love with the skinny boy and making plans for a Christmas homecoming with their son. But instead of a baby, the couple was left again with empty arms. The birth mother took Clayton back just before Christmas.

"It was horrible. It was like losing a child. We had started seeing him as our own," said Amanda Mullins, a piano teacher. They put their name back on the lists with the other adoption agencies. And waited.

"We were trying to put Clayton behind us, thinking it was all over, so that was hard," said Tom Mullins, the youth and worship minister at Central Baptist Church in Hobart. Then late last month, on a Thursday, their caseworker from the Baptist Children's Home called. The father dropped his legal interests and the birth mother wanted them to adopt Clayton, now 4 months old.

Knowing the pain losing Clayton caused, Tom Mullins kept the call "a little secret" from his wife, losing sleep for days. That next Tuesday, with the papers officially signed, he was out the church door in seconds to share the news with his wife of nearly eight years. "We were stunned, very excited," Amanda Mullins said.

In the flurry of calls to family and friends, they also called the other adoption agencies to again remove their name from the lists. The next morning, one of the agencies called back with congratulations. "But you need to sit down because I have some news for you," Amanda Mullins remembered them telling her.

The Mullins had been selected by another couple to adopt their baby. "We have a girl for you," the agency told them. They had only an afternoon to decide. They called their parents. They talked to their pastor.

"I was immediately excited," Amanda Mullins said.

"I was scared," Tom Mullins said.

"We decided that God had brought her to us ... so he would provide for us," Amanda Mullins said. They returned to Hobart late Monday night with 8-month-old Kathryn, a squirmy Guatemalan-born baby with thick locks of black hair. Her birth name, Xiomara, remains her middle name. ... "We waited for a year for one, then to get a call for two almost the same day," said Tom Mullins, still marveling at their amazing story as he hoisted Kathryn up.

"Whatever trials or problems God brings in your life, he can take you through them," he said.

"The blessings are better, too."

Saving Swaziland



Harry '96 and Echo Tuinstra VanderWal '98 with their triplets, Zeb, Jacob, and Luke (5). Not pictured is son Zion (2).

Harry '96 and Echo Tuinstra VanderWal '98 are doing their part to help the impoverished people of Swaziland. As part of The Luke Commission, a medical missions team the VanderWals lead, Harry,

Echo, and their four children will spend September and October of 2006 in Swaziland.

Harry is a doctor and Echo is a pediatric physician's assistant; together they will work at mobile medical clinics often held in schools out in the bush. Along with their professional efforts, the VanderWals will distribute clothing to Swaziland's huge orphan population. As on previous trips, they will show *The Passion of the Christ* in the evenings using a laptop computer, generator, and projector. "The Swazis Christians we partner with give an invitation after the showing," Echo explained. "We see so many accept Christ! One night during the last trip 148 were saved, the next night 159!"

Echo says Swaziland has the highest HIV/AIDS population in the world and an average life expectancy of 35. As a result of the death rate, there are many orphaned children.

"At one school where we held a clinic in June of 2005, 200 of the students were AIDS orphans," she said. "When we returned in October the number had swelled to 400."

Through The Luke Commission, the VanderWals have started to build a permanent clinic in the Swazi bush. The walls are up, and a well is being drilled that will serve a 25-kilometer radius, supplying good water to Swazis who are currently drinking from dried-up river beds where the cattle feed.

In advance of their departure, the Vanderwals collected and shipped 1,400 boxes of clothing and medical supplies. Swaziland has a 75 percent unemployment rate and so the supplies that the Vanderwals bring is greatly appreciated. "We collect clothes for months!" Echo explained. "For us we can't just be missionaries — we like to show people the spirit of Jesus and His helping hand."

The Luke Commission estimates that last year it treated 5,000 patients, clothed 10,000 orphans, and gave blankets and baby clothes to 3,000 new mothers. To learn more about The Luke Commission, contact the VanderWals at vanderwal@lukecommission.org.

Kalamazoo, Michigan. Michael is an internal medicine physician, and Renee stays at home with the children.

Jonathan '97 and Sarah Jenks Weber '97 rejoice that God has provided much of their support need. They pray that the remainder will be provided in His perfect timing so that they can soon help Belgians reach their country and their world for Christ. Sarah has been struggling with some pain that the doctors can't identify, but through this struggle God has given Sarah many opportunities to exalt the Lord and encourage others.

Janet Kollmeyer Wittenmyer '97 and her husband, Bryan, announce the birth of Bryanna Jean. She was born November 14, 2005 and was welcomed home by her brother, Luke (2), in Morgantown, Pennsylvania.

Bryan continues to manage his real estate investment properties and is a manager at Sanatoga Corporation. Janet enjoys staying at home with the children.

Samantha Polgardy Mulder '98 and her husband, Matthew, announce the birth of Ethan Frederick on November 20, 2005. Samantha recently accepted a position as professor of obstetrics in the midwifery department at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing.



Nicholas Chou '99 and his wife, Sarah, announce the birth of Tyler Benjamin on March 22, 2006.

Nicholas is a chaplain in the Michigan Army National Guard and is currently deployed to Kuwait. Sarah is a nurse at Metro Health Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Sheryl Buckley Fessler '99 and her husband, Andrew, announce the birth of David Laymon on May 2, 2006. Andrew is a network engineer at SafeNet, Inc., and Sheryl enjoys staying at home in Xenia, Ohio.



Jim '99 and Melissa Adam Keenan '00 announce the birth of Alaina Joy on July 21, 2005. Jim is a project engineer, and Melissa enjoys being a stay-at-home mom. They reside in Middletown, Ohio.



Alicia Baisley Parker '99 and her husband, Clai, are excited about a new church plant they are starting in the southeast part of Volusia County, Florida. They have been very encouraged and are thankful for their partnership with Servant's Quarters Fellowship.

2000s



Jamie '00 and Nikki Luckmann Hall '00 announce the birth of Brooke on November 20, 2005. They reside in Cincinnati, Ohio, where Jamie owns Nelson's

Corporate Catering. Nikki is taking classes for her master of community counseling degree at Xavier University.

Scott '00 and Shanna Lenhart Lehr '00 have started a church plant, Southbridge Fellowship, in Raleigh, North Carolina. Pray that they will meet several people who desire to be a part of the start-up team and share their vision for the area.

Chris Gideon Meyer '00 and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of Caelan Ruth on March 30, 2006. She was welcomed home by her big sister, Haley Elizabeth (4). They reside in Martensdale, Iowa, where Scott is a network administrator and Chris is a stay-at-home mom.



Grady '00 and Sarah High Peeler '00

announce the birth of Grady Lee Peeler IV on June 11, 2006.

Grady is a CPA with PriceWaterhouseCoopers, and Sarah writes/edits part-time while watching Grady IV at home. They have recently relocated to Charlotte, North Carolina.



Janene Pereira Bradley '01

and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of Isaiah James on February 17, 2006. After four years of being a pediatric nurse in Dayton, Ohio and an elementary school nurse in Las Vegas, Janene is now blessed to stay at home.



This winter, they will move to Edwards Air Force Base in California for their next assignment. Chris will be attending test pilot school to train as a flight test engineer.

Brian Neises '01 is a teacher at KIS International School in Bangkok, Thailand.



Joel '01 and Carla Clevenger Shank '01 announce the birth of Charles Martin "Marty" on June 13, 2006. He joins his sister, Ally (2), in Dallas, Texas. Joel is

completing his final year at Dallas Seminary.



Tim '02 and Aamie Guptill Blow '02 announce the birth of Carter Stephen on May 11, 2006. They reside in Beavercreek, Ohio, where Tim is the youth pastor at Hillside Chapel.

Erin Knowles '02 received her master of social work degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago Jane Addams College of Social Work in 2003. She is now serving as the foster area supervisor for Lydia Home, a Christian social work agency in Chicago.

Matthew '02 and Sarah Daniels Peeler '03

announce the birth of Alaina Madison on June 21, 2006. Matt works in IT infrastructure for GE Industrial, and Sarah enjoys staying at home with Alaina. They reside in Coatesville, Pennsylvania.



Julia Roberts '02 received her master of community counseling degree from the University of Toledo in December 2005. She is a clinical therapist at a community mental health center in Toledo, Ohio.

Greg Sanderson '02 and Emily DeLathower were married October 8, 2005.

They enjoyed a honeymoon to Montego Bay, Jamaica. Greg is a video director at Willow Creek Community Church, and Emily works in sales in the medical industry. They reside in Lake in the Hills, Illinois.



Deborah Berruti '03 has completed her master of occupational therapy degree at Temple University. She recently investigated the social/cultural/occupational activities of AIDS orphans in South Africa and presented her research at both the International Congress of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (Australia) and the Conference of the American Occupational Therapy Association (North Carolina). Deb resides in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Ryan '03 and Emily Pfeister Flunker '04 reside in Dallas, Texas. Ryan is enrolled at Dallas Theological Seminary, and Emily is a kindergarten teacher. They continue to build a support team that will partner with them on their road to Eleuthera in the Bahamas.

Brian Hartsell '03 has had an article published in the August 1, 2006 issue of *Government Executive* magazine. Brian, who is a civilian financial manager trainee for the U.S. Air Force, wrote about government outsourcing and its effects on young worker retention. Brian resides in Beavercreek, Ohio.



Vanessa Lindeman '03 and **Adam Simkins** were married May 20, 2006 in a garden wedding in Franklinville, New Jersey. After a three-week honeymoon in Spain, they returned to their home in downtown Philadelphia. Vanessa is a regional human resources

representative for Hertz Rent-A-Car, and Adam is a sales representative for Window World of New Jersey.



Jeremy '04 and Katie Jackson Doot '04 announce the birth of Aubrey Shea on May 10, 2005. Jeremy is a building contractor, and Katie directs the wedding ministry at their

church in addition to caring for Aubrey at home.

Rebecca Gross '04 and **Michael Wredberg** were married June 4, 2005. After a honeymoon in Newport, Rhode Island, they have made their home in Langhorne, Pennsylvania. Rebecca is the front office supervisor for the Hyatt Regency, and Michael drives full-time



for an auto parts distributor.



Paul Miller '04 and Sharon Hershey '04 were married July 16, 2005 at Langhorne Terrace Baptist Church. Paul is a special education teacher in the Council Rock school district, and Sharon teaches fourth grade at Calvary Christian Academy. They reside in Bensalem, Pennsylvania.

Melissa Reynolds '04 was featured in a recent fitness article in *The Herald-Dispatch* of Huntington, West Virginia. Melissa is the Lighten-Up director at the HIT Center, Inc., in Huntington, where she helps clients lose weight and improve their fitness levels. The full article can be read online at www.herald-dispatch.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060525/LIFE/605250318/1004.

Peter '04 and Megan Smith Weist '04 announce the birth of Campbell Elizabeth on May 13, 2006. They reside in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina.



Brandon '05 and Karee Shev Brown '04 announce the birth of Brandon Robert on February 13, 2006. They reside in Hanau, Germany, where Brandon serves

in the U.S. Army, and Karee enjoys staying at home with their son.



Greg Fairbanks '05 and Mimi Grossman '04 were married November 19, 2005 in Reading, Pennsylvania. After a honeymoon cruise to Grand Cayman and Jamaica, they have made their home in Fairborn, Ohio. Greg works in the computer services department at Cedarville

University, and Mimi is an elementary music teacher for Greenon Local Schools.



OJ Skiles '05 and Amanda Hancock '02 were married July 2, 2005 at Chadds Ford Baptist Church in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania. After a honeymoon in St. Martin, they returned to their home in Port St. Lucie, Florida, where OJ is a nurse in a local hospital.

Amanda is a professional residential building designer. They are both pursuing graduate work.

Adam '05 and Becky Johnson Weiss '05 announce the birth of Gwenth Rose on April 25, 2006. They reside in Upper Black Eddy, Pennsylvania.

Kelsey Jones '06 has been named the assistant volleyball coach at Palm Beach Atlantic University in Florida (NCAA Division II).

Lauren Mable '06 has been named the head women's volleyball coach at Lancaster Bible College in Pennsylvania.



In Memory Of

We extend our condolences to the families and friends of these dear loved ones.

Jessamine Trumbo Wilson '33 went home to be with the Lord on May 26, 2006. She was 94 years old and lived in Centerville, Ohio.

Gale Ross '37 went home to be with the Lord on April 15, 2006.

John Tobias '37 went home to be with the Lord on September 1, 2006. A World War II veteran, John earned a master's degree from Ohio State and taught in the New Carlisle (Ohio) and Springfield (Ohio) school systems for many years.

Junia Creswell Laughman '41 went home to be with the Lord on August 22, 2006. She is survived by her three children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rev. Glenn Greenwood '58 went home to be with the Lord on September 10, 2006. Glenn was the founder of Berea Bible Church in Springfield, Ohio and served as pastor until his retirement in 2002. He was also a founding member of Springfield's WEEC Christian radio station. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; their four children, Doug, Glenda, Michael, and **Jon '85**; and many grandchildren.

Dr. Robert Foreman '77 went home to be with the Lord on August 3, 2006 due to pneumonia. Bob was an associate professor of English literature at Pasadena City College in California and was an internationally renowned expert on African-American literature.

A New Mentoring Initiative

Ellie Mayhew Platt '01 is the development director for Meridian Services, Inc., a nonprofit organization that was recently awarded a \$500,000 grant to coordinate mentoring for at-risk youth in Youngstown, Ohio.



Meridian Services CEO Larry Moliterno, Ohio Governor Bob Taft, and Ellie Mayhew Platt '01

As part of the grant that Ellie was involved in proposing, Meridian Services will award scholarships to youth to be used for mentoring. The participants will be given a choice between faith-based and secular mentoring providers. Ellie says Meridian has 20 providers, including more than 10 local churches. "What's even better," she added, "is that because the money provided to churches is by scholarship, they are not required to separate out the faith aspect of what they do. They do not have to worry about the red tape that often comes along with government funding."

Ellie says another exciting part about this grant is that it was awarded by the Ohio Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, which is only one of three such state offices in the country.

Greg O'Dell '89 is also indirectly involved in this accomplishment. Greg is the pastor of Evangel Baptist Church in Youngstown. His church will serve as a mentoring service provider. While working on the project, Ellie and Greg discovered their Cedarville connection.

In sharing her news, Ellie says she is thankful for Cedarville and that her education and experiences at the 'Ville helped prepare her for her career, as well as for marriage and life.

For more information about the mentoring project, visit www.meridianservices.org or e-mail Ellie at elplatt@meridianservices.org.

Remember those “Choose Your Own Adventure” books?

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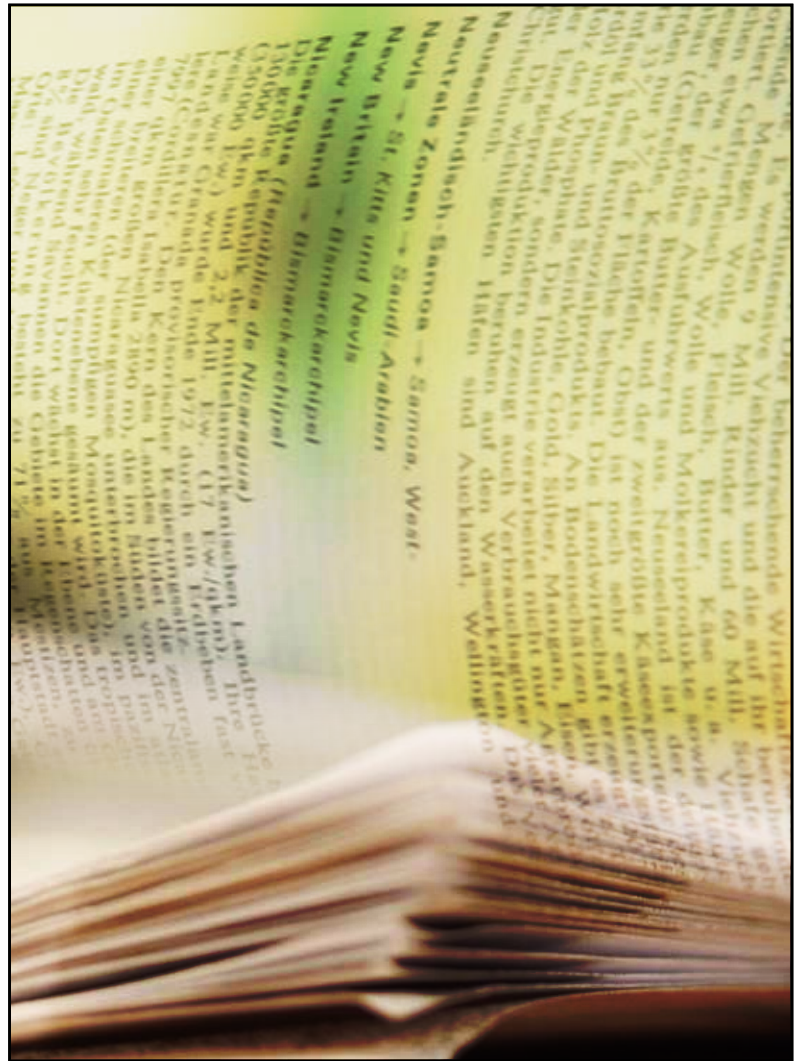
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The Cedarville Fund

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With worries over the economy and the rising competition in the job market, Cedarville University students are constantly pressured with the thought of "What will I do after the 'Ville? Do I pursue a career? Do I go on to graduate studies? How do I get my foot in the door?" Our goal in the career services office is to assist students in not only determining what job they will have, but also what life ministry God has designed for them.



One of the key ways we help students see these opportunities is by holding Career Link Days. In 2006-2007, we will be hosting nine different Career Link events, covering all the various majors on campus. On average, 250 companies and graduate schools visit us through Career Links each year, and close to a third of our students benefit from these visits. The greatest connection for our students is when they are able to meet and chat with alumni who are now working in major firms and companies around the United States.

These students do dream big. They want to work around the nation and around the world in every capacity imaginable. Think of the impact they will have on our world as they join you in a variety of workplaces!

If you and your company would like to be a part of our Career Link Days, please contact the career services office at 937-766-7868 or career@cedarville.edu. Also, check out the Career Link Events at www.cedarville.edu/careerlinks.

Career Link Days

October 26, 2006

Seminary

November 16, 2006

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November 17, 2006

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February 8, 2007

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February 15, 2007

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What's in a Name?

A **name** represents God-given potential and wide-open possibilities.

A **name** is a unique person who will become a leader, an influencer, a professional, a friend.

A **name** is a potential Cedarville student – someone we will, by God's grace, equip for lifelong leadership and service.

Do you know a student who would benefit from the Cedarville experience?

Send us a **name**. Better yet, send us at least three names, and we'll send you a **Cedarville T-shirt**.

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Next Steps

- Go to www.cedarville.edu/names to complete a quick and easy online form.
- Enter the names of three or more high school students.
- Wait for your T-shirt to arrive in the mail.
- Pray that God will use your influence to equip a student to make a difference for Christ.



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Alumni Basketball Weekend

Relive the excitement of Yellow Jacket basketball! February 2-3, 2007 is Alumni Basketball Weekend. You are invited back to campus to enjoy the varsity games on us. Highlights of the weekend are the annual Hall of Fame Banquet on Friday night, the alumni games on Saturday afternoon, and varsity games Saturday evening. Pre-register by Friday, January 26 to receive discounts, souvenirs, and an extra entry in the halftime prize drawing.

Friday

6 p.m. Hall of Fame Banquet (\$14 for adults, \$10 for 12 & under) SSC Event Rooms

Saturday

12:30 p.m. Women's Alumnae Game (for former varsity team members)	Stranahan Gymnasium
2 p.m. Men's Alumni Game (for former varsity team members)	Stranahan Gymnasium
2 p.m. Women's Huddle Time (for former & current varsity team members)	Callan Athletic Center
4:30 p.m. Eat with the Men's Varsity Team (\$4.50 for adults, \$4 for 12 & under*)	Dining Hall
5:30 p.m. Women's Varsity Game vs. Shawnee State (free*)	Stranahan Gymnasium
7:30 p.m. Men's Varsity Game vs. Shawnee State (free*)	Stranahan Gymnasium

*Prices reflect cost if registration and payment is received by Friday, January 26.

Otherwise, tickets will be \$3 at the door for the games, and dinner in the dining hall will be at regular cost (\$6.75 for adults).

**To register, call 1-800-837-2566
or register online at www.cedarville.edu/alumni.**